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SUBJECT: UN WATER CONFERENCE - ARGENTINE RESOLUTION ON COMMUNITY
WATER SUPPLY

REF: STATE 63038

1. USDEL CONDUCTED EXTENSIVE LOBBYING CAMPAIGN
WITH WEO COUNTRIES, ARGENTINE SPONSORS AND OTHERS.

IN THE MOST CONTENTIOUS SESSION IN COMMITTEE I, OUR PROPOSAL TO DROP ARGENTINE IDEA FOR A 1980 FORUM (PARA 5 OF PROPOSED RES.) THREATENED FOR A TIME TO LEAD TO OPEN NORTH-SOUTH SPLIT AND DEFEAT OF OUR AMENDMENT. ARGENTINA RESISTED, SUPPORTED BY INDIA, SENEGAL (WHICH WOULD HAVE GONE FURTHER), AND SUDAN. SPEAKING IN SUPPORT OF U.S. AMENDMENT WERE POLAND, NETHERLANDS (WITH A MINOR ADDITION), USSR, ISRAEL, AND BRAZIL. FOLLOWING PERSUASIVE INTERVENTION BY U.S. (MILLER), CHAIRMAN KIANO (KENYA), IN PARTICULARLY ADROIT MOVE, CONVINCED ARGENTINA TO AGREE TO U.S. AMENDMENT WHICH CARRIED THE DAY.

2. PARAGRAPH 6 ALSO EVOKED CONSIDERABLE DEBATE, WITH USSR, CANADA, MONGOLIA, MEXICO, AND NEPAL SUPPORTING DELETION OF PARAGRAPH. IN END, U.S. AMENDMENT WAS REVISED BY USSR WAS CARRIED BY CONSENSUS.

3. PARAGRAPH 7 CALLING FOR DECADE WAS DELETED UPON PROPOSAL BY U.K., SUPPORTED BY CANADA AND UKRAINE. (IT WAS NOTED, HOWEVER, THAT DECADE WAS ALREADY SPPROVED BY COMMITTEE IN CONSOLIDATED ACTION RECOMMENDATIONS.)

4. WE STARTED OFF WITH WHO LANGUAGE AS PER REFTTEL, BUT SWITCHED TO ECOSOC AS RESULT OF OUR EARLY CONSULTATIONS WITH OTHER DELS. ECOSOC LANGUAGE INSURED MUCH WIDER SUPPORT AND, IN THE END, PASSAGE OF OUR AMENDMENT.

5. USDEL JOINED CONSENSUS IN SUPPORTING RESOLUTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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AS AMENDED AND PLANS TO DO SAME IN PLENARY BARRING INSTRUCTIONS TO CONTRARY.

6. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF RESOLUTION AS ADOPTED:

"THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE.

IN VIEW OF THE COURSE TAKEN BY THE DISCUSSIONS AND THE ASPIRATIONS OF THE COUNTRIES REPRESENTED AT THE UNITED NATIONS WATER CONFERENCE BEING HELD AT MAR DEL PLATA, AND IN VIEW ALSO OF WHAT WAS PROPOSED AT THE VANCOUVER CONFERENCE ON HABITAT, AND CONSIDERING THAT:

(A) ALL PEOPLES, WHATEVER THEIR STATE OF DEVELOPMENT AND THEIR SOCIAL OR ECONOMIC CONDITIONS, HAVE THE RIGHT TO HAVE ACCESS TO DRINKING WATER AND SEWAGE SYSTEMS IN QUANTITIES AND OF A QUALITY EQUAL TO THEIR NEEDS;

(B) IT IS UNIVERSALLY RECOGNIZED THAT THE AVAIL-

ABILITY TO MAN OF THAT RESOURCE IS ESSENTIAL BOTH FOR
LIFE AND HIS FULL DEVELOPMENT, BOTH AS AN INDIVIDUAL
AND AS AN INTEGRAL PART OF SOCIETY;
(C) TO A SIGNIFICANT EXTENT SIMILAR CONCERNS
APPLY TO ALL THAT CONCERNS THE DISPOSAL OF WASTES,
INCLUDING SEWAGE; INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL USES
AND OTHER HARMFUL SOURCES WHICH ARE THE MAIN TASKS OF
THE PUBLIC SANITARY GROUPS IN EACH COUNTRY;
(D) THE FUNDAMENTAL CHALLENGE FACING ALL MAN-
KIND CAN BE MET ONLY WITH FULL INTERNATIONAL COOPERA-
TION IN ALL ITS ASPECTS, ENTAILING THE MOBILIZATION
OF PHYSICAL, ECONOMIC AND HUMAN RESOURCES;
(E) IT IS IMPERATIVE TO FACILITATE WAYS OF
ACHIEVING THIS ESSENTIAL COOPERATION, SO THAT IT,
WATER, IS ATTAINABLE AND IS JUSTLY AND EQUITABLY
DISTRIBUTED AMONG PEOPLE WITHIN THE RESPECTIVE
COUNTRIES.
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(F) THOSE COUNTRIES WHICH ARE IN A POSITION TO
PROVIDE ASSISTANCE, AS WELL AS INTERNATIONAL OR REGIONAL
ORGANIZATIONS, SHOULD UNDERTAKE TO DO SO UNTIL THE
OBJECTIVE IS ATTAINED, SEEKING TO SIMPLY REGULAT-
IONS AND ADMINISTRATIVE ARRANGEMENTS;

(G) ORGANIZATIONS OF THE U.N. SYSTEM AND OTHER
INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS ARE MAKING PROGRESS TOWARD
POSSIBLE ESTABLISHMENT OF A CONSULTATIVE GROUP
MECHANISM ON COMMUNITY WATER SYSTEMS;

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RECOMMENDS:

1. THAT WHERE HUMAN NEEDS HAVE NOT YET BEEN SATIS-
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FIED, NATIONAL DEVELOPMENT POLICIES AND PLANS OF
COUNTRIES, ESPECIALLY WHERE HUMAN NEEDS HAVE NOT
BEEN SATISFIED, SHOULD GIVE PRIORITY ATTENTION TO
THE SUPPLYING OF DRINKING WATER FOR THE ENTIRE POPU-
LATION AND TO THE FINAL DISPOSAL OF WASTE WATER, AND
SHOULD ALSO ACTIVELY INVOLVE, ENCOURAGE, AND SUPPORT
EFFORTS BEING UNDERTAKEN BY LOCAL VOLUNTEER ORGNI-
ZATIONS.

2. THAT GOVERNMENTS REAFFIRM THEIR COMMITMENT
AT THE HABITAT CONFERENCE, TO "ADOPT PROGRAMS WITH
REALISTIC STANDARDS FOR QUALITY AND QUANTITY TO PRO-
VIDE WATER FOR URBAN AND RURAL AREAS BY 1990, IF
POSSIBLE."

3. THAT WITH A VIEW TO ACHIEVING THESE ENDS, THE
NATIONS WHICH NEED TO DEVELOP THEIR SYSTEMS FOR PROVID-
ING DRINKING WATER AND SANITATION SHOULD PREPARE FOR
1980;
PROGRAMS AND PLANS TO PROVIDE COXXVERAGE

FOR POPULATIONS AND TO EXPAND AND MAINTAIN
EXISTING SYSTEMS, INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOP-
MENT AND HUMAN RESOURCES UTILIZATION AND
IDENTIFICATION OF THE RESOURCES WHICH ARE
FOUND TO BE NECESSARY.

4. THAT THE UNITED NATIONS AGENCIES SHOULD
COORDINATE THEIR EFFORTS TO HELP MEMBER STATES WHEN THEY
SO REQUEST IN THE WORK OF PREPARATION REFERRED TO IN
PARAGRAPH 3;

5. THAT IN 1980 THE NATIONAL PROGRAMS WHICH
HAVE BEEN IMPLEMENTED FOR THAT PURPOSE, AND THE EX-
TENT TO WHICH THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED HAVE SUCCEEDED
IN MOBILIZING LOCAL AND NATIONAL SUPPORT AND SHOULD
BE REVIEWED BY AN APPROPRIATE MECHANISM TO BE DETER-
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MINED GY ECOSOC AND BASED ON THE USE OF EXISTING
MACHINERY, WITH A VIEW TO OBTAINING COORDINATED
ACTION TOWARDS THE AGREED TARGETS.

6. THAT IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE DECISIONS OF THE
EXISTING STRUCTURES OF ECOSOC, APPROPRIATE EXTERNAL
ASSISTANCE SHOULD BE AVAILABLE IN ORDER TO ASSIST IN
BUILDING, , OPERATING, AND MAINTAINING THESE SYSTEMS.

THE PLAN OF ACTION FORMULATED ABOVE SHOULD BE IMPE-
MENTED IN A COORDINATED ACTION.

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